

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13,
2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Jim Slezak, Treasurer Tim Green, Trustee Lori Tallman,
Trustee Matt Karr

Chief of Police Jay Rendon

Building Official Matt Place

Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed

Attorney David Lattie

Deputy Chief Jerry Harris

Recording Secretary Jami Vert

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Morgan Jackson, Ross Martello

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Davison Township Municipal Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423. A roll call was done and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A silent remembrance of September 11, 2001 was honored.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY GREEN to adopt the September 13, 2021 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve the August 9, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Green gave the Treasurer's Report for August 2021 with the total revenues of \$2,417,765.74. Budget for General expenditure year to date is \$1,997,406.87; expended only 23.47%; Budget for Water and Sewer expenditure year to date is \$1,023,509.83; expended only 14.39%. Last day for summer taxes are September 14, 2021; penalty after that date; purchased a new date stamp to use for checks; purchased a money counter machine to help with speed; no line inside or outside; thanks Lois for all her ideas to run the office smoothly.

MOTION BY KARR; SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve the August 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVE BOARD EXPENDITURES

Mr. Slezak gave the Board Expenditures Report for August 5, 2021 through September 9, 2021 with the total expenses of \$3,206,877.77.

MOTION BY KARR; SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve payment of the Board Expenditures as presented. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes; Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Supervisor's Update – court street repaved; new business coming in; good for residents

Police Update – cops and cones were a success; coffee with cops had a great turn out; bike patrol out; lots of good feedback with that

Parks Update – 80 rentals; Robert Williams property finished up with grant projects; safety railing installed; Lake Callis is closed for the season; preparing for Trunk or Treat drive thru October 22, 2021; gearing up for Halloween and Christmas

Building Update – for September issued 32 building permits; construction value of \$679,996.00; total cost of permits \$8,873.00

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period opened at 7:08 P.M.

Ross Martello – 8111 O'Hara Dr, Davison, MI – applied for variance for solar panels; was denied; does not think its fair; there is no concern with health or safety by having it on the front of house; house faces south; sun is in the south; upset that he had to pay \$400.00 when the committee says they have no power to grant him permission; should have been offered a refund in that case.

Morgan Jackson – 905 Adams Blvd, Davison, MI – Republican nominee; spent last decade working in the medical field; not a politician; a wife, mother and a business woman; runs family business; knows how to run the office smoothly; passionate about running the office; integrity; before casting any vote, I will ask myself is this in the best interest of the residents.

The public comment period was closed at 7:15 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FOR CASE #16-RZ-96 – REZONING OF 2 PARCELS ON MAIN GATE DR. – FROM GC (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO RU-1 (RESIDENTIAL URBAN)

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve the recommendation for case #16-RZ-96 – rezoning of 2 parcels on Main Gate Dr. – from GC (General Commercial) to RU-1 (Residential Urban). Roll Call – Green – yes; Slezak – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR KIRIN RAMEN SUSHI

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve the liquor license for Kirin Ramen Sushi. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE SUPERVISOR'S BUDGET AMENDMENT

Removed; don't have to do; speaking with Plante Moran does not have to be done; changes reflect last year.

APPROVE WAGE INCREASE FOR TWO EMPLOYEES

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY GREEN to approve a wage increase for Lisa Minto of \$2.50/hour effective immediately.

Karr – can we have discussion on it

Slezak – she achieved her level 2 assessing license as Michigan Certified Assessing Officer

Tallman – idea she will be taking on more job responsibility

Slezak – yes; if you want to know more, we will have to go into closed session

Lattie – normally when you talk about employee increase, discussion ability causes closed session; Lisa if you want you can sit in on it

Slezak – do it at the end of the meeting; announce both at the end

Tallman – if we are all here let's talk about it; general questions

Slezak – go into closed session then

APPROVE SENIOR BUDGET AMENDMENT

Tallman – got notification from county that they increased Senior mileage for the year by \$26,250.00; total change of \$52,500.00; hourly rate for employee changed; along with FICA; put into capital outlay; maintenance issues

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY KARR to approve budget amendment for senior center. Roll Call – Tallman – yes; Karr – yes; Slezak – yes; Green – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE DENTAL CHANGE

Tallman – questions; part of the bigger packet; all for saving money; not comfortable with the changes due to current employees having not been able to check with their doctors; union negotiation; labor attorney said not to make any changes; make sure all employees have their questions answered; not comfortable with approving these changes

Slezak – Gouri emailed and said it was okay

Tallman – bring the representatives back in for current employees; substantial changes on life; some plans sound promising

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Slezak – the board has had this for over 2 months; I've reached out to the representatives; all board members should reach out as well

Karr – has it been presented to the hourly employees and union reps and police

Slezak – it does not have to be if better or similar coverage

Karr – language; life insurance is not comparable; can they come back on us as the board; we need to have a meeting like we did with the retirees

Slezak – they have been at the other two monthly meetings

Green – the board has had plenty of time to look it over; stall tactic to save township money over \$90k; coverage is same if not better

Karr – this affects all current employees

Green – that is why we did each one separate

Slezak – lets stop right there; have a workshop

Tallman – address all concerns; labor attorneys need to be involved

Lattie – do you want to withdraw the motion or vote on it

Slezak – don't think you're supposed to do that

Lattie – if we make the motion to withdraw

Slezak – do you want to withdraw Green

Green – no, they have had plenty of time

Roll Call – Green – yes; Slezak – yes; Karr – no; Tallman - no

Motion did not carry. Slezak – we will take G, H, I, J off the agenda and have special workshop for current employees; Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 12:00 P.M.

APPROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

Slezak – Zoning Board of Appeals; Planning Commission have been moved to 6:00 P.M.

Tallman – concerns are we getting request from residents; pros and cons on both sides

Slezak – other boards are at 6 P.M.

Tallman – this would take effect next month for October

Slezak – yes

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY GREEN to approve the Township Board Meeting be moved to 6:00 P.M. Roll Call: Green – yes; Slezak – yes; Karr – no; Tallman – yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE HOURLY UNION CONTRACT

Slezak – if you want to discuss we need to go into closed session; contract is not public

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right now

Lattie – this was a result from negotiations from labor attorney and union with their representation; it is here for approval; everyone agreed

Tallman – if we go into closed session is there any union representation we can talk with

Slezak – yes, two are in the audience

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY SLEZAK to go into closed session to discuss hourly union contract and two employees wage increase. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session began 7:41 P.M./Closed session stopped at 8:09 P.M.

MOTION BY TALLMAN; SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve the salary increase for Matt Place in the amount of \$12K annually; being retroactive to July 1, 2021. Roll Call: Green – yes; Slezak – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY SLEZAK; SECOND BY GREEN to approve the hourly increase for Lisa Minto in the amount of \$2.50/hour effective immediately; based on the level 2 certification being a Michigan Certified Assessing Officer. Roll Call – Tallman – yes; Karr – yes; Slezak – yes; Green – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve hourly union contract agreement between Davison Township and the Governmental Employees Labor Council. Roll Call – Green – yes; Slezak – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY SLEZAK TO ADJOURN AT 8:12 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY TALLMAN to reopen meeting at 8:13 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Lattie – add specific date as when Lisa’s hourly wage increase is to take effect

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY GREEN to increase wage to \$2.50/hour retroactive to July 1, 2021, for Level 2 Michigan Certified Assessing Officer. Roll Call – Green – yes; Slezak – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY SLEZAK to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

, Clerk

Jim Slezak, Supervisor